



PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Bruce Tockman et al.  
Serial No.: 09/630,000  
Filed: August 1, 2000  
Title LEAD HAVING VARYING STIFFNESS AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING THEREOF

**PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
MS: AF  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Final Rejection mailed March 17, 2004, and the Advisory Action mailed July 7, 2004, said period of response being extended from June 17, 2004 to August 17, 2004.

**Our check in the amount of \$420.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee.  
Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 19-0743.**

Respectfully Submitted

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